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## **FOUR SENTENCED TO LENTHY PRISON TERMS IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

DAYTON, OHIO - Four Dayton-area men were sentenced in U.S. District Court to significant prison terms for their roles in a drug conspiracy involving a plan to rob other drug traffickers of a cocaine shipment. The four sentenced were:

**Bobby J. Wells**, age 47, of Dayton – sentenced to 262 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, plus 60 months in prison consecutive to the conspiracy count for possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime, resulting in a total sentence of 322 months;

**John S. McIntire IV**, age 43, of Dayton - sentenced to 144 months in prison on one count of one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine;

**John K. Johnson**, age 48, of Trotwood - sentenced to 120 months in prison on one count of one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine;

**Jeffrey L. Ellison**, age 32, of Dayton - sentenced to 40 months in prison on one count of one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced the sentences delivered by United States District Judge Walter Herbert Rice on Thursday.

According to the statement of facts filed with the plea agreements in this case, Wells, McIntire, Johnson and Ellison conspired to conduct a “home invasion” style robbery of Mexican drug traffickers while pretending to be law enforcement officers conducting a raid. The defendants intended to rob the drug traffickers of their cocaine at gunpoint, and intended to distribute the stolen cocaine to other drug traffickers in exchange for money. To facilitate the robbery, the defendants obtained police-style raid gear, including an assortment of firearms, a bulletproof vest, boots, and clothing marked “Police” and “DEA,” which the defendants had in their possession when arrested.

Wells, described as a “career criminal offender” at his federal sentencing, was also sentenced in Warren County Common Pleas Court last week to 40 years imprisonment for his role in a February home invasion robbery in Warren County.

“This investigation removed some very violent offenders from our streets,” Lockhart said.

Lockhart commended the ATF agents who conducted the investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andrew Hunt and Brent Tabacchi, who prosecuted the case.